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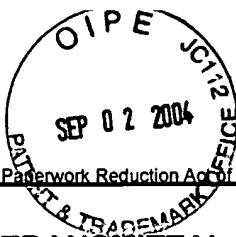
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FOREIGN-LANGUAGE REFERENCES

A concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference not in the English language follows:

Japanese Patent No. 2001248490: This patent purports to disclose a method to quickly synchronize an internal combustion engine when the engine is started.

A four-stroke internal combustion engine 1 has a plurality of cylinders 11-14 having pistons I-IV connected with a crankshaft 36, means 32-34 for imparting a series of pulses in each engine cycle and an engine control system 10. The engine control system 10 has a memory 44 and means 10, 29, 32 for judging the engine cycles after the engine 1 is cranked and a means 9 for counting the series of pulses till the engine 1 is stopped to judge the engine cycles when the engine 1 is stopped afterwards so as to store data showing the engine cycles into the memory 44. From a certain point of view, the means 10, 29, 32 for judging the engine cycles after the engine 1 is cranked are means for judging the engine cycles during the operation of the engine 1. From an another point of view, the means 10, 29, 32 for judging the engine cycles after the engine 1 is cranked includes the memory 44 storing data showing the engine cycles before the engine 1 is cranked.

Japanese Patent No. 09250380: This patent purports to disclose a method to properly perform fuel infection to each cylinder to thereby improve start-up performance by allowing all cylinders to perform fuel injection simultaneously when determination of cylinder is not made upon start-up, and determining a cylinder to which fuel is injected as a transient method according to the number of reference signals from an initial reference signal.

Determination 102 of cylinder is carried out according to a reference (REF) signal to be output at the time of specified angle of each cylinder in synchronization with a crank angle when a starting time is determined according to a signal of start switch and the like, and the number of REF signals from an initial REF signal to an initial cylinder determinable REF signal is counted. When the determination of cylinder at the start-up can not be made, a timing for performing fuel ignition in all the cylinders simultaneously after the initial REF signal, is set 104. At the time of initial cylinder determination REF signal, the cylinder of injecting fuel according to the REF number from the initial REF signal and timing are set 105. After the subsequent cylinder determination, transfer to a normal sequential injection is carried out and the injection cylinder and timing are set 106.

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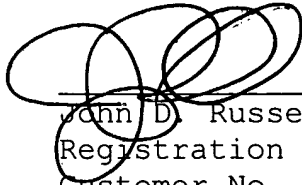
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